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NOV 15 2007**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph starting on p. 8, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

The in-service inputs 52 of the photonic switching fabric 50 are coupled by an in-service switching fabric portion (not shown) of the photonic switching fabric 50 to a plurality of switched in-service outputs 56 of the photonic switching fabric 50. The redundant input 54 of the photonic switching fabric 50 is coupled by a redundant switching fabric portion (~~not shown~~ 51) of the photonic switching fabric 50 to a switched redundant output 58 of the photonic switching fabric 50.